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A GREMLIN SCAN

LASH LARUE

BRANDED

RIDE ON LARUE! WE
AIN'T GONNA LET YUH
SHOOT UP OUR TOWN
LIKE YUH DID BOONETOWN!



LISTEN TO ME!
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT...

RIDE ON! YOU
ARE NOT WANTED
HERE! RIDE ON!



I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS! IT
WAS THE SAME AT CACTUS CORNERS...
THEY SHOT AT ME AND DROVE
ME OFF, GIVING ME NO CHANCE TO
FIND OUT WHY!



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WHEREVER HE TURNED THERE WERE THREATENING GUNS... IN THE HANDS OF MEN HE
HAD CALLED FRIENDS! THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY HE WAS BRANDED "BAD" BUT HE
HAD NO IDEA WHY! HE WAS LIKE A MAN FIGHTING A PHANTOM... A PHANTOM THAT
WOULD EVENTUALLY DESTROY HIM!

LASH LA RUE WESTERN

BY MID-AFTERNOON LASH HAD REACHED COPPEYVILLE/

HOW ARE YUH? HOW'S THE MISSUS?

LUKE,

IT'S HIM! GIT THE MARSHAL!



LUKE DIDN'T ANSWER, GLARED AT ME LIKE HE HATED ME!



TOM... WHAT'S THE IDEA OF POINTING A GUN AT ME?

DON'T GIVE ME THAT! WHEN A GOOD MAN TURNS BAD THERE'S NO-THIN' HE WON'T STOP AT, IS THERE?



WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WHAT'S GOING ON?

STOP IT! YOU'VE GOT A NERVE, COMIN' BACK AFTER ROBBIN' OUR BANK YESTERDAY, TAKIN' THE LIFE'S SAVIN'S OF FOLKS WHO CALLED YUH "FRIEND"!



LISTEN TO ME, TOM, I DON'T UNDERSTAND...

THE TIME FOR TALK IS OVER, DROP YOUR GUNBELT, YOU'RE GOIN' TO JAIL!



HE HEARD THE ANGRY MURMUR OF THE CROWD/ HE KNEW THEN THAT EXPLANATIONS WERE USELESS... AND HE KNEW WHAT A JURY WOULD DO TO HIM/ BEHIND BARS HE'D BE HELPLESS...

SORRY I HAVE TO DO THIS, TOM/ STAND BACK... EVERYBODY!



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HE SAW THE FEAR AND HATE ON THEIR
FACES/ HE KNEW WHATEVER HE SAID
WOULD NOT BE BELIEVED/

IN A SECOND THEY'DIVE
RUSHED ME/ I COULDN'T
SHOOT AT THEM/ THEY'RE
FRIENDS/ EVEN THOUGH
THEY'RE ACTING STRANGE
NOW!



I'VE GOT TO GET TO THE
BOTTOM OF THIS, GOT TO
SOMEHOW CLEAR MYSELF/
MAYBE I CAN FIND AN
ANSWER AT ADOBE WELLS!



DARKNESS FILLED THE LITTLE TOWN OF
ADOBE WELLS WITH OMINOUS SHADOWS AS
LASH RODE IN!



YUH DIRTY CHEAT/ I'LL
FIX YUH FOR WHAT YUH
DID, LARRY!



SUDDEN ANGER PUSHED AT LASH/

ARGGHH/ GO AHEAD, SHOOT
ME LIKE YUH DID LARRY/
HE CAUGHT YUH AFTER YOU'D
CHEATED US ALL OUT OF
EVERY CENT WE HAD AT POKER!



SO I CHEATED YOU AT
CARDS, BH? AND WHERE
DID I RIDE AFTERWARD?
ANSWER ME!

YOU KNOW/ IT
WAS ONLY AN
HOUR AGO AN!
YUH RODE OUT
NORTH!



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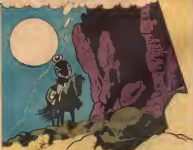
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LASH RODE NORTH OUT OF ADOBE WELLS!

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NESS/ THEN, A HORSE WHINNIED AHEAD.
AND HE SAW THE GLOW OF A SMALL
CAMPFIRE...



FREEZE, MISTER!



YES, YOU DO LOOK
LIKE ME/ WHY DID
YOU DO IT?

IT WAS EASY/
FOLKS TRUST YOU,
LIKE YOU/ EVERY-

WHERE I WENT THERE
WAS A SMILE, A HAND-
SHAKE, A LOOK OF AD-
MIRATION/ I'M GLAD
YOU CAUGHT UP WITH ME/
I'M TIRED OF IT ALL!



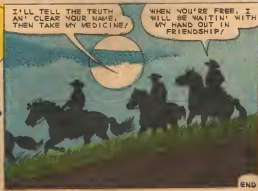
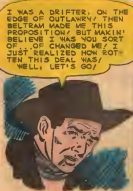
YOU ASK ME WHY I DID
IT? I WAS HIRED TO DO
IT. TO RUIN YOUR NAME
AND BRAND YOU NO GOOD/
THAT'S ALL I KNOW/ MY
NAME IS CAL HART/ THE
MAN WHO HIRED ME IS...



DROP IT, LASH, YOU'RE
COVERED/ THIS IS IT/
THIS IS PAYDAY!



LASH LA RUE WESTERN



WIN!!

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IS: _____

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THE DOG: _____

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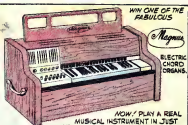
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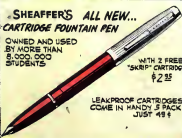
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SHE HAD SHINING GOLDEN HAIR, LOVELY BLUE EYES, AND THE WHITEST TEETH ANY MAN IN BUCKTHORN EVER SAW... BUT THAT WASN'T ALL THAT BARBARA LYONS BROUGHT TO THE BUSTED M RANCH! SHE BROUGHT A DEED TO THE SPRAWLING EMPIRE, A GANG EAGER TO BURN DOWN ANY MAN WHO BLOCKED THEIR QUEEN... AND TROUBLE FOR LASH LARUE!



The Blonde Bushwhacker!



LASH LA RUE WESTERN

YORE BRONCS DIDN'T RUN OFF BY THEMSELVES. MA'AM ... A BUSHWHACKER WAS FIRIN' AT YUH/ I'LL GO FIND HIM!

PLEASE DON'T, MR. LARUE/ HE'S GONE BY NOW!

I...I'VE HAD ENOUGH TROUBLE WITH JOE FORBES AND HIS CREW/ LEON SAYS WE SHOULD AVOID TROUBLE AT ANY COST!

THIS LEON FELLA HAS GOOD SENSE/ BUT JOE FORBES AIN'T A TROUBLE-MAKER/ YOU SURE YOU'VE GOT THE RIGHT MAN?



OF COURSE/ I'M BARBARA LYONS, THE OWNER OF THE BUSTED N RANCH/ JOE FORBES CLAIMED HE OWNED IT BEFORE I GOT A COURT ORDER TO GET HIM OFF THE PLACE!

SO YOU'RE THE EASTERN GIRL WHO RAN JOE OFF HIS RANCH/ THIS LEON YOU MENTIONED...HE'D BE LEON MARSH, WOULDN'T HE?



RIGHT THEN, LASH SMELLED THE TROUBLE AHEAD...AND HE KNEW THE GIRL PACING HIM WAS GOING TO MAKE IT WORSE THAN ANY HE'D EVER KNOWN BEFORE!

LEON MARSH IS A GENTLEMAN/ I'D NEVER KNOW THAT I OWNED THE RANCH IF HE HADN'T WRITTEN TO ME/ I INTEND TO MAKE HIM MY PARTNER FOR ALL HE'S DONE!

MISS BARBARA, LEON MARSH IS A GUNSLINGER, THE FASTEST I EVER SAW/ HIS GANG IS A COLD-BLOODED CREW/ I'D ADVISE YUH TO WATCH THEM CAREFULLY!

LEON MARSH ADVISES ME...NO ONE ELSE



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LASH LARUE MADE SURE THAT THE HORSES HAD SIMMERED DOWN, THEN HEADED THE GIRL FOR THE BUSTED M RANCH/ HE KNEW THEY WERE WATCHED, THAT MEN, ARMED MEN, LURKED BEHIND EVERY ROCK NEARBY/

CAREFUL, MARSHAL/ BE I DON'T THINK SO, MISS BARBARA/ FORBES AND HIS MEN MIGHT SHOOT AT YOU FOR HELPING ME/ YOU'VE GOT THINGS ALL WRONG/ GOOD-BYE!



COME OUTA TIERE, JOE FORBES/ I SPOTTED YUH A WHILE AGO/



I WAS JUST MAKIN' SURE LEON MARSH'S DRYGULCHERS WOULDN'T THROW ANY MORE SLUGS MORE WAY, LASH/ HOW YUH BEEN?

JUST FINE, JOE/ BUT YOU'RE NOT DOIN' SO GOOD/ IS THE TITLE THAT THIS GIRL HAS VALID?



HECK, NO, LASH/ SHE WAS A COUSIN OF DAN LYONS... SO SHE BELIEVED IT WHEN LEON MARSH SAID DAN LEFT THE RANCH TO HER/ OLD DAN SOLD THE PLACE TO ME LONG BEFORE HE DIED/ I GAVE HIM MORE THAN IT'S WORTH/



OLD DAN WAS PAYIN' THE GIRL'S WAY THROUGH SCHOOL, BUYIN' HER NICE THINGS/ I KEPT SENDIN' MONEY AFTER DAN DIED/



SO, IN PAYMENT, YOU GET SHOVED OFF THE RANCH BY A FORGED DEED AN' THIS LEON MARSH HAIRPIN'LL SWINDLE... LOOK OUT/



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TAKE COVER, JOE! HE'S MINE!



NEEEEOOHH!



NOW LET'S TALK, FRIEND!



LEON MARSH TOLD YUH TURN ME LOOSE! I'LL QUIT WORKIN' FOR LEON! I'LL LEAVE THE COUNTRY! YUH PICK ME OFF, DIDN'T HE?



DON'T LEAVE, MISTER! GO AN' TELL MARSH HIS TRICK WON'T WORK! HE'LL NEVER OWN THE BUSTED M RANCH! BUT HE WILL GET TITLE TO A NICE EIGHT-BY-EIGHT CELL IN THE STATE PEN! AND YOU'LL BE WITH HIM!



JOE FORBES WATCHED AND LISTENED... AND BEGAN TO HOPE ONCE MORE!

FOR A MINUTE, LASH, YUH HAD ME CONVINCED! IS THERE A CHANCE OF GETTIN' BACK MY RANCH? I WANT YUH TO MEET THE LADY, JOE! YOU AND I ARE GONNA VISIT THE RANCH TONIGHT, BEFORE MOON-UP!



THAT BUSHWHACKER IS THE ONE WHO SHOT AT THE LYONS GIRL! LEON MARSH SENT HIM, TO MAKE HER THINK YOU WERE GUNNIN' HER!



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THAT NIGHT, AT NINE...AN HOUR BEFORE MOON-RISE, TWO MEN DRIFTED TOWARD THE BIG MUSTED M RANCH HOUSE/ JOE FORBES LED THE WAY...

THIS IS AN EMPTY ROOM, MORE TIME, LASH/ WE CAN GET IN JOE/ DON'T THIS WAY/ MAKE NOISE/



I MOVED MY HERDS ONTO DAN'S LAND/ HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY BEEF BEFORE I LEASED HIS GRASS/ DAN WAS MY FRIEND, I WOULDN'T CHEAT HIM OR THIS DUMB BLONDE WHO THINKS SHE OWNS THE PLACE/



PUT THAT GUN DOWN MA'AM, YOU CAN'T PULL THE TRIGGER/



JOE, ARE YUH POSITIVE YUH PAID OLD DAN LYONS FOR THIS RANCH/ YUH GOT A DEED? OR RECEIPTS FOR MORE CASH?

I GOT NO DEED BUT I SENT ALL THE CHECKS THROUGH THE LOCAL BANK/ THEY KNOW ABOUT THE DEAL THERE/



THAT'S WHEN THE LIGHT WENT ON... DAZZLING JOE FORBES BUT NOT ENOUGH TO BLIND HIM TO BARBARA LYONS' BEAUTY/

SO I'M A DUMB BLONDE/ I OUGHT TO PULL THIS TRIGGER RIGHT NOW/

GOLLEE/ MA'AM, THEY DIDN'T TELL ME YUH WERE THIS PURTY/

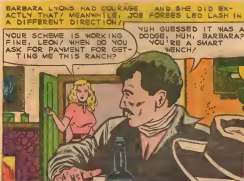
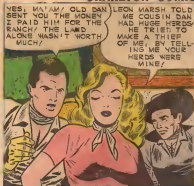


YOU'VE GOT TO PULL THE HAMMER BACK TO WORK IT, MISS/ YUH SEE?

I NEARLY SHOT YOU/ I-I'M TERRIBLY SORRY/ WAS IT TRUE, THE THINGS YOU SAID BEFORE I LIT THE LAMP?



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OH, MR. FORBES, YOU WERE MAGNIFICENT! WONDERFUL!

I RECKON THEY'LL FIGGER A WAY TUH SETTLE THE TITLE DISPUTE! AFTER ALL, A MAN AN' WIFE JOINTLY OWN THINGS TOGETHER ANNYHOW!



Comanche Alarm Clock

This is the true story of an alarm clock. There are all kinds of alarm clocks in this world. Some are big and powerful and you wind them up with muscular power. Others are small and are operated by an electric motor. There are even alarm clocks that look like small ordinary watches. Suppose we let Nelson Lee, who was a Texas Ranger tell the story about his alarm clock.

"I was now engaged for several years in my former business of trading in horses and cattle during which period nothing of peculiar interest occurred. In the year 1855, I became acquainted with a man named William Aikens. He had been a resident of Bastrop on the Colorado, but had lately arrived from California through the Indian country. He was an energetic, intelligent, and enterprising person.

He had the idea of purchasing a drove of mules and horses for the California market—representing they could be driven through in safety, and confident it would prove a profitable speculation. Not having sufficient means of his own, he proposed the formation of a joint company so it was accordingly formed. Aikens was acknowledged as leader or captain. Together we undertook the general superintendence and direction of the enterprise.

We made our headquarters first on the Nueces at San Patricio. Before commencing operations, Aikens and myself visited New Orleans where we purchased arms, ammunition, blankets, saddles, tents, and other items—sufficient to furnish twenty seven men, the number which our company consisted of, including proprietors and subordinates.

While picking up these supplies, I discovered accidentally one day, a large silver watch of such unusual and extraordinary dimensions as to attract attention. I asked the shopkeeper to let me examine it. I found it to be an alarm watch. Likewise one that would make a far louder racket than any I had ever seen. It occurred to me that such an article would be of signal service on our proposed trip, and fortunately I purchased it for the sum of forty-five dollars. As you will see this watch became closely connected with my destiny, my life, and my freedom.

Returning to San Patricio we hired nineteen assistants. With this company well mounted and fourteen pack mules we left San Patricio. From the adjacent ranches as we moved along, we collected such animals as we deemed advisable to purchase. On our arrival at San Fernando, a frontier town some forty miles westward of Fort Duncan, our drove had increased to 395. We then pushed on aiming to penetrate the gorges of the mountains until we should strike the California trail.

We traveled slowly at the average rate of fifteen miles a day it depending entirely upon the distance between watering and feeding places. At none other did we encamp. Usually we dined in the open air, but in seasons of very rainy weather we ate and slept under a tent. Over the prairies of the Southwest thousands of mustangs wander. We had to prevent them from mingling with our animals or a stampede might take place.

We generally halted about noon, resting until the next morning at half-past three. While resting, especially during the night, the men acted alternately as sentinels whose duty was to ride constantly around the camp. In this manner, day after day, we moved on our way, crossing wide valleys and winding through ravines and mountain passes.

On the last day of March we entered an enchanting valley, five miles wide and perhaps twenty miles long. Scattered in various directions were antelopes, deer, buffalo, and wild horses. We resolved to stay here for some time. Then came the second of April. It was my watch until twelve o'clock. Going out, I rode about the camp, chatting with the other sentinels and at midnight came in with them.

Taking off my coat and felding it, I laid it down on the buffalo robe to serve as a pillow.

Then I set my watch so that the alarm would strike at precisely half-past three. I fell asleep, and then I heard a noise. Springing to my feet, I discovered our camp was full of Indians. Seizing my rifle which always lay on the buffalo robe by my side, I drew it to my shoulder, but a lasso was thrown over my head. Half a dozen Indians held me and soon I was tied up.

I soon became aware that only four of us were alive. What would happen to me? One of the Indians went through my coat. He found the alarm, and then at half-past three it started to make its usual noise. The utter astonishment of the Indian was beyond description. He held it out at an arm's length unable to decide whether to let it fall upon the ground or retain it in his grasp. By the time it had ceased, a dozen gathered around him looking into each other's face in silent wonder. The one who held it presently pointed to me, then at the watch and then at the spot where he had found it. Speaking at the same time fast and informing them, I suppose, that I was the owner of it.

Approaching and holding it out to me they made signs expressive of their desire that I would cause it to repeat the alarm. The idea at once flashed upon my mind that I might make it serve a useful purpose. They untied my hands. I was given my clock and I wound it up solemnly, and so regulated it that in a few minutes it went off again. And again the group of Indians was struck with increased wonder and amazement.

This was frequently repeated. The Indians in the meantime holding it to their ears to hear it tick as they had seen me do. Then the chief wrapped it carefully in his deerskin pouch. From their gestures I figured they regarded the clock as something supernatural which connected me with the Great Spirit.

I was then mounted on a mule over an Indian saddle without stirrups. My hands were tied behind my back and my eyes were blindfolded. But when we rested and dismounted, the blindfold was taken from my eyes. Yes, I was a prisoner of the Comanche Indians, but I was still alive. For four days we travelled. And then I was taken from the mule and the blindfold removed. I found myself in the midst of a great number of tents surrounded by five or six hundred Indians.

Then the chief came to me. He produced my watch and handed it to me with signs indicating they wished me to exhibit its marvelous qualities. This was my chance, if I was going to remain alive. As though I were an actor on the stage, I made such a fuss and scene about the watch. Finally the watch was taken by the chief and presented to the squaw whom I afterwards learned was his wife. Then I was taken to the chief's tent and fed.

The village consisted of four hundred tents and covered a space of six or seven acres. In the center was a big square. And in the center of the square stood a large lodge. It was the business tent of the chief. The tents are constructed of prepared buffalo skins. The villages are always located near running water and in thinly timbered groves which break the force of the north winds in the wintry season, and in hot sultry weather shade them from the sun.

Then there came the time to move. I was once more blindfolded, mounted, and tied. At the end of three days, or three "sleeps" as the Comanche would express it, we reached the end of the journey. Here I found myself in another village. In time I came to understand that this was the usual summer residence of the tribe where their corn, beans, and tobacco were cultivated. This was their main camping ground. The other valley was only reserved for the purpose of hunting.

My fame had evidently spread abroad. For the new community all came to see me. The Chief handed me my watch. Winding it up and setting the alarm a minute or two ahead, I bowed my face before it and then held it out at an arm's length. This was certainly theatrical. The effect was solemn and satisfactory. I felt I had made a "hit." Up to this time and never afterwards did the Indians attempt to open the watch or to exhibit it themselves. This was my job.

More or less of the tribe were almost constantly absent on the warpath. We were frequently visited by the chiefs and warriors of the surrounding tribes. I figured that many were attracted to our camp through curiosity to see and hear the wonderful watch. The chief's wife had custody of it. When the visitors came she would bring the watch to me and call on me "to make it talk."

The Comanches had a battle with the Apache. I hoped that they would be beaten, but instead they were the victors. I waited and waited for the time to make my escape. My duties were those of an attendant upon the chief. When the opportune moment came, I got his rifle, his knife, his horse, and my freedom. After many hardships I reached a settlement. I remained six weeks at San Fernandez under the care of a physician.

But my watch was left behind. It had kept me alive. Sometimes I wonder about its fate. Did they ever learn how to regulate it? Or did they destroy it after my escape. I shall never know the answers. But what is more important is that I survived."

THE END

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WE'RE...BILL!

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GO--HICKOK'S THE
ONE I WANTED TO
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FUL-LOOKIN',
AIN'T IT,
BILL?

YES, BUT IT'S NOT PEACEFUL,
JINGLES! TWO MEN WERE DRYGULCHED
HERE IN THE LAST WEEK--WE'VE GOT
TO FIND THE GUILTY PARTY!

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MAN KNEW HIS BUSINESS... BUT HE
MADE ONE MISTAKE! HE SHIFTED HIS
RIFLE... HE LET THE SUN REFLECT
FROM THE BARREL... AND THE FIGHT-
ING MARSHAL SAW IT AND MOVED FAST!

LOOK OUT,
JINGLES!

KRAK!



COME ON,
JINGLES! HE'S
UP HERE!



UNGH!



BY THE TIME JINGLES ARRIVED...

THERE'S A STIFF
JAIL SENTENCE FOR
ATTEMPTED MURDER,
FRIEND! THE SEN-
TENCE MAY BE
LIGHTER IF YOU DO
A LITTLE TALKIN'!

YUH GOT ME--
BUT I'M NOT
CHUMP ENOUGH.
TUM TALK! HE'D
SHUT ME UP
FOR GOOD IF I
DID THAT!

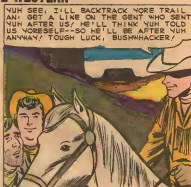


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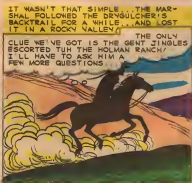


TAKE HIM TO CY HOLMAN'S PLACE AND WAIT FOR ME THERE! THIS GALOOT PROBABLY GOT HIS ORDERS FROM HIS BOSS AND RODE STRAIGHT TO THIS SPOT!

YEAH, I GET YUH, BILL!



YUH SEE, I'LL BACKTRACK YORE TRAIL AN' GET A LINE ON THE GENT WHO SENT YUH AFTER US! HE'LL THINK YUH TOLD US YORESELF--SO HE'LL BE AFTER YUH ANYWAY! TOUGH LUCK, BUSHWHACKER!



IT WASN'T THAT SIMPLE...THE MARSHAL FOLLOWED THE DRYGULCHER'S BACKTRAIL FOR A WHILE...AND LOST IT IN A ROCKY VALLEY!

THE ONLY CLUE WE'VE GOT IS THE GENT JINGLES ESCORTED TUH THE HOLMAN RANCH! I'LL HAVE TO ASK HIM A FEW MORE QUESTIONS.

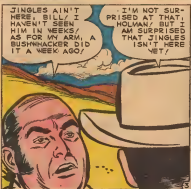


HOLMAN'S GOT A NICE PLACE HERE! I WONDER IF HE KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT THE BUSHWHACKERS...



HELLO, MARSHAL! I WONDERED WHEN YUH'D GET AROUND TUH VISITIN' THIS END OF THE VALLEY!

HOWDY, HOLMAN! WHAT HAPPENED TO YORE ARM? AND WHERE'S JINGLES?



JINGLES AIN'T HERE, BILL! I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM IN WEEKS! AS FOR MY ARM, A BUSHWHACKER DID IT A WEEK AGO!

I'M NOT SURPRISED AT THAT, HOLMAN! BUT I AM SURPRISED THAT JINGLES ISN'T HERE YET!

CHARLTON COMICS GIVE YOU MORE!

THERE WAS A GOOD REASON WHY JINGLES HADN'T ARRIVED...THE PRISONER HAD FRIENDS IN THE HILLS...JINGLES WAS LEFT UNCONSCIOUS ON THE TRAIL!



BILL FOUND HIM AN HOUR LATER...JUST AS JINGLES WAS COMING TO!



THE GENT WHO DID IT JUST CREASED ME, BILL!

I'D LIKE TUH GET MY HANDS ON THEIR BOSS, JINGLES!



I HEARD A SHOT A WHILE BACK, GENTS/ WHAT HAPPENED?

YOU'RE LEO VAUGHAN, AREN'T YUH, MISTER? WHAT'S YORE BUSINESS OUT HERE?



I'M A MONTANA RANCHER, MARSHAL/ I LIKE THIS VALLEY--I AIMED TO BUY SOME LAND HERE BUT IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE...

THAT FITS, VAUGHAN!



IF I WAS LOOKIN' FOR SPECIAL LAND AND THEY WANTED TOO MUCH CASH, I MIGHT THINK OF SOME WAY TO MAKE THE OWNERS SELL CHEAPER/ DRY-GULCHIN' WOULD BE A GOOD WAY TO DO THAT, VAUGHAN!



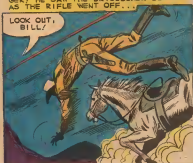
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WILD BILL, RIDING FAST, SAW THE GULCH...AND HE KNEW IT MEANT DANGER! HE SAW THE DRYGULCHER JUST AS THE RIFLE WENT OFF...

LOOK OUT, BILL!



THEY GOT BILL! I'LL FIX 'EM FOR THAT!



YOU FOOLS--YOU BUNGLED BUT I WON'T!

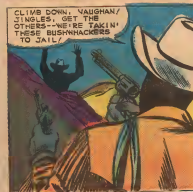


WILD BILL FELT THE LEAD BURN PAST HIS EAR...HE SHUNG HIS COLT, AIMED...AND THE FIGHT WAS FINISHED!

HOLD IT, HICKOK! I GIVE UP!



CLIMB DOWN, VAUGHAN! JINGLES, GET THE OTHERS--WE'RE TAKIN' THESE BUSHWHACKERS TO JAIL!



LATER...

YUH SURE SCARED ME WHEN YUH WENT OUTA THE SADDLE, BILL!

I HAD NO CHOICE, JINGLES--IF I DIDN'T, BUSHWHACKER BULLETS WOULD'VE DORNNED ME ANYHOW!



END

LASH LA RUE WESTERN

LASH LA RUE

SHADOW OF THE GUNMAN



GARTH COLE WAS HIS NAME, A NAME FEARED THROUGHOUT THE WEST, THE NAME OF A NOTORIOUS GUNMAN! IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT SOME DAY LASH LA RUE AND THE GUNMAN SHOULD MEET, BUT WHO COULD FORESEE THE STRANGE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THAT MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE?

ANOTHER HOMBRE
LOOKIN' FOR GLORY,
THINKIN' HE COULD
MATCH GUNS WITH
GARTH COLE... AN'
FAILIN'!

A REP LIKE
COLE'S DRAWS
EVERY GLORY-
HUNTER, GUN-
SLINGER IN
THE TERRITORY!



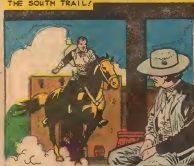
THE GUNMAN RODE OUT OF TOWN, HIS EYES BLEAK AND RESTLESS, THE PACE OF HIS HORSE SHOWING PURPOSE!

I SHOULD REACH CARSON CITY BY
MORNIN'!

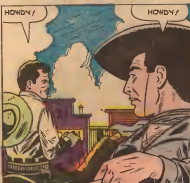


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BY MID-MORNING OF THE NEXT DAY
GARTH COLE RODE INTO CARSON CITY BY
THE SOUTH TRAIL!



AND, AT THE SAME TIME, LASH LARGE
RODE INTO TOWN FROM THE NORTH!



HONKY!

HONKY!



LASH! GOOD TO
SEE YUH, BOY!

CAL, YOU OL' WOLF
HUNTER! HOW ARE
YOU, AN' HOW'S
MRS. CORBET AN'
THAT FINE BOY
OF HERS, DANNY?



ALL FINE AS SILK, SON!
SAY, DID YUH SEE WHO
JUST RODE IN? GARTH
COLE, THE GUNMAN!
TROUBLE FINDS HIM
LIKE BEES FIND
HONEY!

YEAH, I
RECOGNIZED
HIM! HE'S
PROBABLY
JUST PASS-
ING THROUGH!

BUT GARTH COLE DIDN'T RIDE OUT! TWO
DAYS PASSED AND HE WAS STILL IN
TOWN!

THAT'S THE THIRD TIME I'VE
SEEN COLE WITH YOUNG DANNY! SEEMS
TO HAVE TAKEN A SHINE TO HIM!
WONDER WHY HE'S STAYING IN TOWN?
MOST GUNMEN KEEP MOVING!



LASH LA RUE WESTERN

SAY, LASH, MY NIECE
WANTS TO SEE YUH/
SEEMS UPSET ABOUT
SOMETHIN'!

I'LL GO SEE
MRS. CORBET
PRONTO, CAL!



HE WALKED THE FEW STEPS TO THE
CORBET'S DOOR...

LASH/ COME IN,
PLEASE/ I...I
DIDN'T KNOW
WHO TO TURN
TO/ IT'S
ABOUT DANNY!

WHY SHUCKS, MRS.
CORBET, THAT
SON OF YOURS
SEEMS TO BE A
MIGHTY NICE
BOY!



THAT'S JUST IT, LASH... DANNY ISN'T
MY SON, HE WAS MY SISTER'S SON/ I
BROUGHT HIM UP AS MY OWN AFTER MY
SISTER DIED/ NO ONE KNOWS HE ISN'T
MY SON EXCEPT HIS FATHER...GARTH
COLE!



I...I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO/ COLE
IS HERE TO TAKE HIS SON/ LEGALLY,
HE HAS THE RIGHT/ BUT DANNY'S JUST
LIKE MY OWN/ I WON'T GIVE HIM UP...
I WON'T!



SO THAT'S WHAT
HE'S HERE FOR!

LET ME SEE WHAT I
CAN DO/ I'VE GOT
AN IDEA!

BE CAREFUL/
GARTH IS THE
MOST DANGEROUS
MAN IN THE
COUNTRY!



I'M GARTH COLE/ BOOM/ BOOM/ GOT
YUH BOTH/ NOBODY CAN OUTFIGHT OR
OUTSHOOT GARTH COLE!



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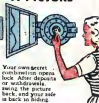
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HE THINKS YOU'RE A HERO!

SHUT UP! I'M THROUGH LISTENIN'!

YOU WANT ME, MR. COLE?



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HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME WITH ME, BOY?

YOU'RE NOT TAKIN' HIM, COLE!



SURE I'D LIKE TO GO WITH YOU, MR. COLE. AN' NOBODY CAN STOP YOU...NOT EVEN LASH LARUE, CAN HE MR. COLE?

LARUE! LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH!



GARTH COLE'S HAND MOVED SO FAST IT WAS A BLUR... BUT LASH LARUE'S MOVED EVEN FASTER!



THE GUNMAN LAY IN THE DUST! FOR A MOMENT THERE WAS SILENCE! THEN SLOWLY GARTH COLE RAISED HIMSELF... AND WITH THE WORDS HE SPOKE HE LOST FOR EVER ALL STATURE IN THE EYES OF LITTLE DANNY!

I...I'M LICKED! I'M RIDIN' OUT...ALONE AND...I WON'T BE BACK!



DANNY WAS GONE! THE GUNMAN MOUNTED, THEN LOOKED DOWN AT LASH, A MEAGER SMILE PLAYING ACROSS HIS THIN LIPS!

YOU DIDN'T FIGHT BACK! YOU WANTED TO DESTROY DANNY'S HERO- WORSHIP!

YES! YOU WERE RIGHT! YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE FOR A BOY WHO AIN'T EVEN A BLOOD RELATIVE! THAT MADE ME SEE THE TRUTH! THANKS, AMIGO! ADIOS!



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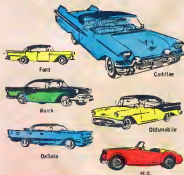
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